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1. FOLLOWING UP ON CONVERSATION REPORTED REFTEL, EMBOFF HAD DISCUSSION WITH ACTING DIRECTOR FONOFF UN OFFICE(RACHELE) ON UPCOMING ICAO CONFERENCE/ASSEMBLY MEETINGS. DIRECTOR UN OFFICE, ALESSI, AS WELL AS HEAD OF ITALIAN DELEGATION TO CONFERENCE, SCIOLLA LA GRANGE, EXPECTED BACK IN ROME IN NEXT DAYS.

2. RACHELE CONFIRMED FAVORABLE ITALIAN REACTION TO USG POSITION OF ICAO MEETINGS AS SET FORTH IN AIDE MEMOIRE PRESENTED PREVIOUSLY AT FONOFF. GOI SUPPORTS INDEPENDENT CONVENTION ALONG LINES OF NORDIC PROPOSAL AND IS PREPARED TO GIVE POSITIVE CONSIDERATION TO FRENCH-SWISS-UK AMENDMENTS AS WELL AS SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR PROTOCOL TO CHICAGO CONVENTION. AT SAME TIME, ITALIANS FIND POINTS OF INTEREST IN BELGIAN PROPOSAL.

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3. HOWEVER, ITALIANS CONCERNED AT THIS POINT OVER STRONG FRENCH

INSISTENCE, COMMUNICATED BILATERALLY, THAT WESTERN COUNTRIES SHOULD CONCENTRATE EFFORTS EXCLUSIVELY ON PASSAGE OF FRENCH-SWISS-UK AMENDMENT PACKAGE AND LEAVE ASIDE QUESTION OF INDEPENDENT CONVENTION. RATIONALE ADVANCED BY FRENCH FOR THIS POSITION IS THAT AMENDMENTS STAND BETTER CHANCE OF ACCEPTANCE - AN ARGUMENT ON WHICH ITALIANS HAVE STRONG DOUBTS. IN ADDITION, ITALIANS BELIEVE THAT FRENCH POSITION BASED ON A) FRENCH PRIDE AND B) CONCERN FOR THIRD WORLD VIEWS. IN ANY EVENT, ITALIANS STRONGLY FAVOR EARLY CONSULTATIONS AMONG WESTERN NATIONS TO SORT OUT TACTICAL SITUATION WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO FRENCH POSITION. VOLPE

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